

The FCC's recent decision to consider expansion of LPFM concerns me greatly. The possibility that certain broadcast options may be eliminated to expand LPFM stations and permit them to take priority over current FM translator service would diminish the quality of programming I receive in rural central Minnesota. K-LOVE Radio is one such station. It relies on the current translator service in order to broadcast consistent programming across the country. I listened to this station from the time of its inception until I left Colorado 3 years ago. I was disappointed that, at the time I moved to Minnesota, translator service was not yet in place, and I no longer had access to it. However, in February of this year, K-LOVE came on-line here where I live in Willmar, Minnesota. The programming offered by K-LOVE is distinctly different from other radio stations, and offers a message that is positive and upbeat. There are only limited broadcast options in the rural areas of this state, and K-LOVE expands not only the caliber of on-air content, but also the variety. In a part of the country that is already battling connectivity challenges, removal of the capability for K-LOVE and other stations like it to utilize the translator network in place would do a grave disservice to those of us who rely on the programming the current system proffers.